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Status			
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11			
·—	his action is non-final.		
3) Since this application is in condition for allow			
closed in accordance with the practice unde	er Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.L	J. 11, 453 O.G. 213.	
Disposition of Claims			
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-7</u> is/are pending in the applicatio	n.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are without	Irawn from consideration.		
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.			
8) $\boxtimes$ Claim(s) <u>1-7</u> are subject to restriction and/or	r election requirement.		
Application Papers			
9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Exam	iner.		
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) a	accepted or b) objected to	by the Examiner.	
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the	Examiner. Note the attache	d Office Action or form PTO-152.	
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	•		
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for fore	ign priority under 35 U.S.C.	§ 119(a)-(d) or (f).	
a) All b) Some * c) None of:			
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3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)

6) Other: \_\_\_\_.

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - Claims 1-3, drawn to a structure of a power circuit bus bar, classified in class 361, subclass 775.
  - II. Claims 4-7, drawn to a method for forming a power circuit bus bar, classified in class 29, subclass 830 plus.
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
- 3. Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case each bus bar can be preformed with a predetermined formation and then adhere on a surface of a dielectric layer instead of separating from a whole bus bar plate and the bus bar does not have to be stamped from a single metal plate but by cutting from a sheet of metal instead.
- 4. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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5. A telephone call was made to the applicant attorney, James A. Olilf, on 3/15/06 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

## Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa C. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8293. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Hoa C. Nguyen 3/12/06

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